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SUBJECT: TOURISM IN AFGHANISTAN

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL WHO CONFIRMED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN EMBASSY LETTER OF MARCH 3 TO WILLIAMS WORLD TRAVEL THAT ALL TOURIST AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS IN REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN NOW BEING HANDLED BY AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION, A GOVERNMENT ENTITY. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED MATTER WITH PRESIDENT AND OWNER OF CARAVAN TRAVELS, MR. DAWOOD MOOSA, WHO CONFIRMED HIS ORGANIZATION NO LONGER ABLE BOOK OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO AND IN AFGHANISTAN. CARAVAN TRAVELS STILL OPERATING HOTEL IN MAZAR-I-SHARIF, BUT ALL BOOKINGS FOR THAT HOTEL ALSO BEING HANDLED BY AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION.

2. AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL STATED THEY HAVE REPLIED TO ALL CABLE INQUIRIES RE HOTEL BOOKINGS AND IN-COUNTRY ITINERARIES THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED. HE NOTED THAT AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION BUSINESS IN U.S. CURRENTLY HANDLED BY ARIANA AND HE HAS WRITTEN TO THAT OFFICE EXPLAINING ABOVE CHANGE IN TOURISM BOOKING SYSTEM. AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION WILL BE PLEASED MEET WITH MRS. JEANNE BORGER (REFTEL) AND DISCUSS TOURISM ARRANGEMENTS ON HER ARRIVAL KABUL APRIL 6.

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3. GOA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS ARRANGED EXHIBITION AFGHAN

CARPETS TO BE HELD IN KABUL DURING PERIOD MAY 20-21. CARPETS
ON DISPLAY WILL BE FOR SALE, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

4. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD MRS. BORGER'S ARRIVAL.
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